

***UPDATE* Troopers Arrest Bear Man for Staging Robbery**

New Castle – The Delaware State Police have arrested 28 year old Irvin I. Parker of Bear, for falsely reporting an incident, after it was determined that he staged a robbery at a New Castle area business in which he was the alleged victim.

The staged robbery was reported at approximately 10:15 p.m., Thursday, May 16, 2019 at the Dollar Tree located at 1230 Beaverbrook Plaza, New Castle, where Parker was an employee. Parker, who was the reporting person and victim for the incident, gave a statement to the responding Troopers that an unknown suspect entered the business just after closing and held him at gunpoint while demanding cash. Parker turned over money to the suspect who then fled.

Further investigation by Troop 2 Robbery Unit detectives discovered inconsistencies with Parker's story and were able to determine that he conspired with the alleged suspect to stage the robbery, in an attempt to cover up an internal theft that he was responsible for.

Parker was charged with Falsely Reporting an Incident, Theft Greater than \$1500.00 and Conspiracy 2nd Degree. He was arraigned and then released pending a future court appearance.

The investigation is ongoing as Parker's co-conspirator has yet to be identified. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective C. Hevelow of the Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8471.

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

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